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To learn how you can keep your kids safe with **Project 8** or if you qualify for a child seat, visit www.state.sd.us/project8 or contact a **Project 8** program in your region

Region 1: West

Early Childhood Connections
809 South Street, Ste. 304
Rapid City, SD 57701
(605) 342-6464
(888) 999-7759

Region 2: Central

Pierre Area Referral Service
118 E. Missouri Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 945-1037
(800) 499-4767

Region 3: North

Early Childhood Partners
1500 N. Main Street
Aberdeen, SD 57401
(605) 229-8505
(800) 982-6404

Region 4: Northeast

Family Resource Network
South Dakota State University
PO Box 2218
Brookings, SD 57007
(605) 688-5730
(800) 354-8238

Region 5: Southeast

Sioux Valley CHILD Services
1115 W. 41st Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
(605) 333-0698
(800) 235-5923 Ext. 4



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Parent's guide: child seat safety



Dear Parents:

South Dakota's kids are our most valuable resource. To help protect them, I invite you to be a part of the state's child seat program: **Project 8**.

Project 8 is South Dakota's new goal to keep kids safe by making sure they are in the best child seat for their height and weight, until they are at least 8 years old. At 8 years, most children can safely wear a seat belt because they are taller than 4'9" and weigh more than 80 pounds.

Project 8 also distributes child seats to income eligible families statewide by assessing financial need. Contact a Project 8 program near you for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Rounds".

Governor Mike
Rounds



infants

Age: Birth to 1 year

Weight: Up to 35 pounds

Type of Seat: Infant-only or Rear-facing Convertible

Direction to Face: Infants should ride rear-facing to at least 1 year of age AND at least 20 pounds. The seat should be at a 45-degree angle to keep the child's head from falling forward. Do not tip it too far back or the child could come out of the seat in a crash.



Note: Infants who outgrow an infant-only seat before 1 year of age should ride rear-facing in a convertible child seat.



toddlers

Age: Older than 1 year old

Weight: 20 pounds to 40 pounds

Type of Seat: Convertible or Forward-facing Only

Direction to Face: A child older than 1 year of age AND heavier than 20 pounds may ride facing forward. Use the upright position recommended by the manufacturer.



Note: Secure a child in a child seat with a full harness until he/she is heavier than 40 pounds. A child heavier than 40 pounds should move to a booster seat.



young children

Age: Until at least 8 years old

Weight: Heavier than 40 pounds

Type of seat: Belt-positioning Booster Seat, or High-back Booster Seat

Direction to Face: Forward-Facing



Note: All children who have outgrown infant or convertible child seats should be properly restrained in booster seats until they are at least 8 years old, meet weight limit of booster seat or are 4' 9".



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